

441—116.3(237) Qualifications of staff.

116.3(1) *Direct-service providers.* Direct-service providers shall be paraprofessionals or professionals meeting all of the following criteria:

a. Paraprofessionals shall:

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age.
- (2) Have graduated from high school or earned a high school equivalency degree.
- (3) Have completed the prescribed agency training program.
- (4) Be appropriate to the specific job description of the employing agency.

b. Professionals in the direct-service provider category shall:

(1) Be at least 18 years of age.

(2) Have a bachelor of arts degree in a related field; or an associate of arts degree in a related field and two years experience specific to the job responsibilities; or two years of higher education in a related field and two years' experience specific to job responsibilities; or four years' experience in programming specific to job responsibilities.

(3) Have completed the prescribed agency training program.

(4) Be appropriate to the specific job description of the employing agency.

116.3(2) *Indirect-service providers.* Indirect-service providers shall meet one of the following education and experience criteria:

a. Have a master's in social work or a master of arts degree in a related field and one year of experience specific to job responsibilities.

b. Have a bachelor of arts degree in a related field and two years' experience specific to job responsibilities.

c. Have an associate of arts degree in a related field and four years' experience specific to job responsibilities.

d. Have five years' specific treatment program experience relating to the job responsibilities.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3.